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U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10/035,622

Title: METHOD FOR BUNDLING MULTIPLE ARTICLES TOGETHER WHILE  
OBSCURING INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION CODES AND RELATED  
ASSEMBLY

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004.

Please cancel claim 42 and amend claims 6 and 36 as set forth below. This listing of  
claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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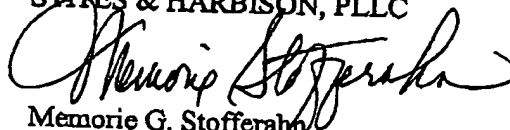
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